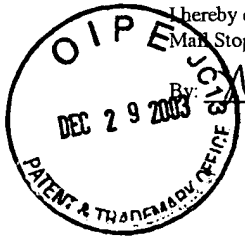


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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated **September 23, 2003**. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.